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Grover Cleveland now stands alone as the only living ex-president of the United States.

The best part of these French duels is the fact that they are more harmless than the American foot ball game.

scramble among the lawyers for \$2,500- nearly a month. a-year jobs.

towns is again heaving in sight as the them they dare not disclose. spring elections approach.

American troops in China propose to play an April fool joke on the Chinese by pulling out on the first of April. It is a Joke the Chinese will appreciate.

The student riots at the University of Moscow simply indicate that the educational institutions of Europe are afflicted with something worse than hazing.

One Nebraska crop that is steadily voted for for United States senator.

Count Boni de Castellane might re plenish his exchequer now by coming over to America and accepting an offer from some enterprising theatrical man-

Those popocratic legislators have a whole deck of buncombe resolutions up their sleeves and as political prestidigidisappear at any time and place.

After laboring so hard for a supreme other public officers.

The British admiralty will experiafter the lead of the United States, This is not what it used to be.

Report has it that George Gould proposes to turn a trick or two in the field of railroad consolidation just to keep the prestige in the family. The big events in the railroad world billed for this year have not yet all been pulled off.

Republicans in the legislature must

being late in crossing the line when the insist on them. great race takes place.

Former Nebraskans now residing in California are exerting themselves to enlarge their colony by enticing more Nebraskans to the coast. Nebraska people are enjoying a brand of prosperity at home that is the most effectual antidote to such temptations.

As soon as the little troubles in South Africa and China are settled, some energetic European power should issue a call for another universal peace conference to discuss the subject of disarmament while the gunmakers and shipbuilders are filling delayed orders.

An auditorium seating 8,000 is a pretty good sized hall, ample to accommodate any attraction that Omaha is likely to present. The auditorium, to be serviceable, should be neither too large nor too small, and the auditorium projectors should be careful to aim at the right

South Omaha democrats have nominated a full city ticket, evidently with a to be held under the new charter. The open the door to hungry democrats.

THAT POLICE BILL MARE'S NEST. truth is that its enactment will not they have acquired.

ments. those that have been annulled.

time they were endorsed unanimously ports of manufactures. by every member representing Douglas 20,665 far-seeing members of the Commercial tion in the productive industry and the fire and police or over the chief of the may be unable to see it. fire department one whit beyond the powers he now possesses. These departments are at present exclusively protect the members of the board by affairs. making their positions charter offices

instead of merely ordinance offices. The supreme court commission bill is tion of the term for introducing bills charter tinkering expeditions. up to the governor. Now watch the and has been on the printed files for

The annual battle between the wets be used as catspaws for designing cation. In this way each community is and the appropriations for the fiscal year and the drys throughout Nebraska schemers who have something back of accorded a charter made to fit its pe-will amount to nearly \$1,000,000,000. If

EUROPEAN INFLUENCE IN CUBA.

by the United States with reference to vision is desired. growing is the list of men who can there is substantial ground for this re- houses purporting to amend various sec- the individual working almost unaided sugar factory at Grand Island can consume American conditions.

practically closed by the introduction of legislature should relegate the charter many within that time tators they can make them appear and a tariff in favor of the United States making power to the people of the cities suit is now threatened in regard to the tion. more important and extensive British court commission that would increase trade with Cuba, the loss of which is too well established to require arguthe work, what a shame it would be to would assuredly inflict a serious finan-ment in its support. In fact the repubcut off the fees of the supreme court cial injury upon merchants, manufac- licans are committed by their last state clerk and reduce him to a salary like turers and the shipping community of platform to this principle as far as it Great Britain." The memorial goes on may be practically applied, and at all to say that it appears to be the intention events the people should be permitted of the United States to completely con- to endorse it and give it vitality by the ment with the submarine torpedo boat trol the foreign relations of Cuba and submission of the proposed constituthe opinion is expressed that "an Ameritional amendment, is another confession on the part of lean protectorate would probably result Great Britain that its naval supremacy in the imposition of a tariff protective of Amèrican interests and generally hos-

tile to European trade." This is certainly significant and gives work in Cuba against the conditions the editor of that paper, which was part rebellion in Canada. which our government has proposed reremember that the fusionists have no ham are so deeply interested in this and business side of the venture, which objections to piling the appropriations matter as to appeal to the British gov- prospered more in his hands than with sky high. Their chief hope for political ernment it is certainly not unreasonable his successors. The newspaper history capital for fusion candidates in the future lies in allegations of republican measures to influence the Cubans in op Mr. McClure from its pages. position to the American terms. If this could be established beyond question It is really too bad that the new cup there is no doubt that the effect would challenger, which goes by the name of be to make the sentiment in this coun-Shamrock II, could not have been try in favor of the conditions submitted launched on St. Patrick's day. Being by the United States practically unanlate in launching only foreshadows imous and strengthen determination to

> THE GERMAN POINT OF VIEW. The speech of Lord Salisbury a few days ago at the banquet of the Associated Chambers of Commerce of the United Kingdom, took a more cheerful has recently been expressed by other pelled to take the other's medicine. English statesmen, notably Lord Rosebery. He confined his attention principally to Germany, making no direct reference to the United States, and treated legiate debating contests this year. It somewhat lightly the "specter" of German rivalry. He was disposed to at- Nebraska's orator in the late presidential tribute the note of discouragement, at election. But we can all live in hopes. the idea that the British were not so completely masters as they once were, to the "natural pessimism which at-

tends as a nemesis on all great success.' The utterances of England's prime minister have attracted far more atten- oned conscience. tion in Germany than in the United States and the comment on it of some of the German newspapers is interesting. One of them points out how the British persistently disregarded American energy and push, as well as American methods until their trade begun to purpose, inasmuch as it had been given suffer, and now they are talking of but that no general city election was studying the business methods of this nection with any phase of the Chinese quescountry and of Germany and as far as tion as between the powers, no human courts will probably be busy soon pass- practicable applying them to their foresight can see the end. Infinite com- wheels, fired Russian cartridges and Chinese ing on applications for court orders to trade. The invasion of markets long a plications arising out of conflicting inter-

club, at the instigation of democratic but it is possible that this thoughtfula terrible mare's nest in the bill before British manufacturers to recover lost the legislature relating to the Board of ground. This is evidently the German Fire and Police Commissioners. They view for the National Zeltung of Berpretend to see in this bill a great men- lin expresses confidence that Germany ace to the fire department, when the and America can maintain the lead be depended on not to set a bad example to

change in any particular the present. Germany will assuredly make a deconstitution of the police board or the termined effort to hold what she has status of either police or fire depart- won and to increase it and there seems good reason to think she will succeed. First and foremost, the bill is not a if she does not make some very grave police commission bill any more than it mistake in her fiscal policy that will taken the oath of allegiance to the United is a park commission bill. The object militate against her foreign trade. That States. Botha has begun to treat with conform to the decision of the supreme government is now considering the quest in Kentucky has been declared off. court in two or three sections which tion of raising the duties on imported have been declared unconstitutional be- grain and already there is the threat cause they deprive the city of its right of Russian reprisals if the grain duties to municipal home rule. It simply lops are increased. This would be a serious off the dead park commission and police matter for Germany, whose exports to affairs. This arrangement would be all commission branches on the charter tree Russia are large, and there is every and puts in live sections in place of prospect of their increasing under fa- adopted by the United States toward Cuba. vocable circumstances. As to the United In the second place, the present bill States, there is no apparent reason why is nothing new; it is identical with the it should not retain what it has of forcorresponding sections of the bill that eigh trade and add to it. Certainly the was passed by the last legislature as conditions today are more favorable part of the charter revision bill. At that | then ever before for enlarging our ex-

county, including the fusionists, and doubted, is correct. Great Britain may, is looking for the job of bossing that would have been law now except for the by increased exertion, hold what it has veto of Governor Poynter. If the bill is gained, but it cannot recover what has such a bad bill it is strange that these been lost and maintain its relative posiclub did not discover it two years ago. commerce of the world. This, is real-Third, the present bill does not en- | ized by British manufacturers and merlarge the powers of the mayor over the chants, though statesmen like Salisbury

MUNICIPAL HOME RULE

under the control and supervision of the submit along with the other constitu- enormous figure. Mr. Carnegie's millions ers as appointed by the mayor and the larger cities of the state a complete may be live to disburse them. council and the principal change is to power of home rule in their municipal

The bill as introduced is modeled on the provision to be found in the constitu-Fourth, the pretense that the measure tion of Missouri under which the cities on top of army estimates of \$439,575,000. was smuggled in on the last day for of St. Louis and Kansas City have been The new shipbuilding program calls for the introduction of bills is fake, pure enabled to frame their own city charters, thirty-three new vessels, of which three are New York state made an appropriation and and simple. It was introduced ten days relieving the legislature of the loss of to be battleships and six armored cruisers or two weeks previous to the expira-time and interruption of its business by as large and efficient as battleships. Some 3,750 men are added to the navy, bringing

charter is framed by a committee of field in addition to the native troops in Our Commercial club friends would do representative citizens and then sub- India and elsewhere, the actual fighting well to avoid allowing themselves to mitted to a vote of the people for ratifi- force of the empire is now considerably culiar conditions, without taking into pensions were paid to British veterans as consideration the possibility of some we pay ours, the outgo would be much that is now up to the legislature to decide. other city growing into its class and in- over \$1:000,000,000. Reports from Havana indicate that heriting a ready-made charter. Changes European influence is being actively ex- in the charter are likewise made in the ercised in an effort to dissuade the Cu- same manner, leaving it to the citizens bans from accepting the terms proposed interested to say how often charter re-

the future relations between their gov- If an example were wanted to illusernment and ours. The Washington trate the demands made upon legislative correspondent of the Philadelphia Press time for charter making it can be found ently necessary by the development of ma- land and put the convicts to work in sugar hat and a frock coat. Uncle Joe has no says that the movement is supported by in the present legislature, in which there certain official representatives of for are probably in the neighborhood of a the world could still be managed upon the support her penal institution without com- with a slouch hat, which has made him eign countries. If it shall be found that score of bills on the files of the two principles that apply only to the efforts of petition with any line of business, for the port it will very greatly strengthen sen- tions of the Omaha charter alone, to say timent in this country in favor of the nothing of the numerous bills relating to the city governments of the smaller As one indication of European in- municipalities of the state. Many of sense of the people, that is now in part terest in Cuba's future status, attention these are really important to their re-dazed by the stupendous new conditions is called to the memorial addressed to spective localities to cure technical de- and in part blinded by enormous prosperity. the British government by the Chamber | feets in the existing statutes, but it is of Commerce of Birmingham. This sets impossible for the legislators to give forth that the once considerable trade them the necessary attention. If only to within twenty-five years" that there is of of that city with Porto Rico has been relieve themselves of this burden, the seeing a president in England or in Gerand says: "A similarly disastrous re- that have attained the requisite popula-

The principle of municipal home rule

The death of E. A. McClure in this city last week takes away one of the piercer newspaper men of Omaha. Mr. McClure was one of the first proprietors an aspect of strong probability to the of the old Cmaha Republican, being asstatement that European influence is at sociated with Colonel E. D. Webster, actual service. This was during the Reil and parcel of the early history of the specting future relations. If the manu- community. A printer by trade, Mr. facturers and merchants of Birming- McClure had charge of the practical

> Omaha is interested in a great deal of legislation pending before the lawmakers at Lincoln which should not be neglected in the home stretch of the ses- on that date will give its annual dance. It sion. The legislature meets only once in two years, and two years is a long time to wait to have crying evils corrected.

The osteopaths scored a victory in the state senate over the combined medical fraternity, but the profession will be accorded a second round in the lower house of the legislature. It looks as if view of British trade conditions than it were a question which shall be com-

> Nebraska orators seem to be encountering hard luck in the intercolseems to be the same luck that followed

Lesson of a Great Life. Indianapolis Journal

The great lesson of Benjamin Harrison's devotion to duty and following an enlight-Great Waste of Lend.

Chicago Inter Ocean.

.000 cartridges in capturing three burglars. Vet we often scoff at the bad marksmanship of the British army.

No Appeal to Force. New York Times. moment force is appealed to in con ests, and even passions, must arise. In smith) and was manipulated by an Ameri-British monopoly, by American and these the United States cannot become en- can gunner.

German manufactures, made the British tangled. Nor is there the slightest pros- SHORT TALKS TO THE LEGISLATURE. Certain members of the Commercial thoughtful, remarks a German paper, pect of such peril so long as the policy of our government is dictated by the sound

No Money to Burn.

present administration.

Washington Star Mr. Carnegie has more money than he really knows what to do with. But he can the youth of the country by standing on the corner and lighting cigars with hundreddollar bills.

Peace Trying Its Wings.

Kansas City Star. The white wings of peace are rapidly ex- a mighty poor record on that issue. panding. Twenty thousand Ilocanos have

Merely Conching the Natives. Indianapolis News. Perhaps all Russia asks of Manchuria is a few coaling stations, a military post or

Where Home Rule Obtains.

Minneapolis Times. Hawaii's leper colony, whose inhabitants The German opinion, it is not to be they please. No ambitious carpet-bagger to stay with us for some time. select and exclusive colony.

Doing Good with Millions.

Minneapolis Times Hardly a day passes that he does not make It is to be hoped the legislature will the aggregate of his benefactions up to an

Cost of World Power.

The tost of being a world power is illustrated in the new naval estimates of the United Kingdom for 1901-02 of \$154,377,500

President Hadley's Alarm. New York World

President Hadley of Yale is a frank.

erceptions, behind the times.

ither by machines or by his fellow man economic ideas in order that he may make more effective his appeals to the moral Meanwhile the republic is quite safe. There is not half the likelihood that we "shall have an emperor at Washington

PERSONAL POINTERS.

Because his wife attempted to ruin his digestion with heavy pancakes a New Jersey man tried to choke her with her own weapons. A passenger, who are garlic on a Scran-

ton. Pa., street car, was thrown out by the conductor and landed on his face. The conductor was discharged. The newest Prussian census shows that

Emperor William's landed property in-

cludes eighty-three separate estates, aggregating about 124,800 acrea. Iceland is said to be the one really happy land. Everyone of its 72,000 inhabttants is the descendant of some king or

other, so that all are in the swim, or, rather, cutting ice. Major A. C. Howard, who died in South Africa the other day, was one of the first men in America to handle a Gatling gun in

A story is recalled illustrating Bismarck's disregard of mere titles. On finding that William II had made him duke of Lauenburg he smiled and said: "A capital name to travel with incognito.

and the servants cannot shoot them fast enough to make any impression on the unwelcome visitors.

On the 30th of next month Vice Prestdent Rocsevelt will deliver an address before the Home Market club of Boston, which is intended that several other prominent men will also speak.

In a recent decision a New York judge suggested to street railway companies that juries would be less hostile in damage suits f so many of their patrons (including possible jurors) were not compelled to hang on to straps and have their pet corns bruised. The only American Indian in the United

States navy is Chapman Schenandoah, an Oneida 29 years old, who is on the cruiser Atlanta. He served through the war with Spain on the San Francisco and the New York. The dusky sailor, who is a favorite among his shipmates, is a graduate of Hampton institute. An eccentric Italian destroyed Turkish

securities to the value of \$200,000 in order to prevent any survivor from enjoying his money. This relieves the Turkish government of a considerable interest-bearing obligation, and makes the sultan's case another proof that a man does not have to be good in order to be lucky. A bit of General Harrison's eloquence,

delivered at the bar meeting in Indianlife is that the highest success comes from apolis in memory of John M. Butier, is recalled as applicable to his own demise. Referring to the lingering character of Mr. Butler's last illness, General Harrison said: 'He had ample time to arrange the drapertes of his spirit before entering the pres-Four hundred Michigan farmers wasted ence of the Great King."

Another gunner who may be in line for promotion to the rank of ensign is Joseph A. Mitchell of the cruiser Newark, who has returned from Chins. During the siege of Pekin he worked the gun known as "Betsy, the international gun." which was resurrected from a Chinese junk shop, was mounted on an Austrian carriage and Italian

Tekamah Herald: The defeat of the bill politicians, think they have discovered ness has come too late to enable the ent financial condition would not justify the increased expenditure proposed by the measure.

Grand Island Independent: In the investigation of "hold up" practice, a former 'reform" member of the legislature was alleged to have claimed that he could buy votes for from \$5 to \$10. On examination he denied the statement. He admitted only that he had always enjoyed railroad passes even when his party made great claims but

Kearney Hub: The state senate put the normal school bill, providing for two additional normal schools, to sleep by an of the bill is to make the city charter is the danger that confronts her. The Kitchener and now the Baker-Howard feud emphatic and decisive majority. It may not be generally known, yet it is said to the hostess. "She's my niece. But I knew be a fact, that there has been more logrolling in connection with these normal appropriations than with any measure be I know it. fore the legislature in a number of years, two and a supervision of all her financial the pertinacity of the promoters of the scheme becoming really obnoxious.

> right, for it is but following the policy Schuyler Sun: The legislators should exercise care and use plenty of good horse sense in again changing the ballot. As this I ain't ever seen you before." paper has before suggested why have a committee composed of several mem- said the senator's wife, who has appeared There is at least one place where the bers from each political party. Have this in the public prints frequently of late. consent of the governed has practical ap- committee get together and prepare and plication. It is the island of Molokai, agree upon the form for a ballot which shall be best for all the people. Then if it have been notified that they will be per- is considered a fair change let the legisla- in the backs of magazines for months, and, mitted to run their own affairs just as ture pass a bill and we shall have a ballot

Wayne Republican: If the state of Nebraska goes into the business of paying claims of different towns and counties for the care of persons having contagious Mr. Carnegie's expressed determination to diseases, it will simply open the doors of do as much good as possible with his great the state treasury and invite all kinds of progress he made during the five days in during the first four months of John Quincy income is being carried out in good faith. people to help themselves to the funds. Let the municipalities or the counties bear some town happy with a library at a cost their own burdens and there will be much of \$25,000 to \$75,000 and these gifts, added more heroic measures adopted than if the to his great outlay in libraries, schools and state is to become paymaster. Protect the relief funds at Pittsburg and the cities state treasury from the raids of the evillywhere the Carnegie mills are situated, bring inclined, the thoughtless and the reckless.

Hastings Tribune. There are bills introduced in the Nebraska legislature provid-Board of Fire and Police Commission- tional amendments proposed that giving are doing much good in the world, long ing for a state commission to be appointed by the governor, under certain limitations, to the Panamerican exposition and to the St. Louis World's fair, and these bills carry an appropriation for salaries. Ten thousand dollars was set aside to defray the expenses of a state exhibit at Buffalo and St. Louis. So far as the appropriation or a state exhibit at Buffalo is concerned that is as it should be, for put up a building in Omaha that did much good for the Transmississippi exposition, charter tinkering expeditions.

In St. Louis and Kansas City the city the army now contains 450,000 men in the to Missouri, as the legislature of that state but Nebraska is not under any obligations amphatically declined to appropriate money for a building at the Transmississippi exposition. Therefore our Missouri friends cannot feel offended in the least if Nebraska should retaliate.

Superior Journal: Shall the penitentiary be relocated at Lincoln? This is a question It shouldn't take the members of that body ten minutes to dispose of it. By no means should Lincoln have it. State capitals are ate adjourn. Colonel Roosevelt stated the only a few weeks after the retirement of always crying for more, more, more. Lincoin never does a thing to help herself, she courageous young men, valuable and prom- always manages to make the state foot the sing. But he is, in some of his intellectual bills of her improvements. Governor Dietrich's proposition to move the penitentiary In an age of mighty combinations and to the region of Hastings or some other concentrations, made possible and appar- centrally located city, buy a few sections of Uncle Joe Cannon of Illinois wore a silk of 70. chinery and invention on the one hand and beet fields is a splendid scheme. The state reputation at all as a well dressed man. of brains on the other, he is talking as if would then be able to partially or wholly beets raised in the whole west end Kinley is entirely responsible President Hadley should reconstruct his of the state and those raised at such a penitentiary, too.

to discover that anybody had benefited pecuniarly from the bills, so the committee block. ouldn't do more than report, and condemn the grafters in general terms. Even this his friends were amazed and wondered mild report may do some good, by showing what great change had come over his conthe manipulators of hold-up bills that their methods are known, but it is a pity that omething drastic cannot be done to make aside his favorite top piece. He wore his life a burden to the authors of the bills new and stylish garments with as much and discourage any wire pullers who may have ambitions to make corporations stand tomed to wearing them every day. It canand deliver, using the legislature as a not be denied that they improved materially weapon. The committee gives the names the appearance of the statesman from Danof some of the hold-up experts, and it is ville. reasonably safe to say that these gentlemen | Cannon will lay them aside before he leaves will find their occupation gone in a permanent fashlon at Lincoln. Blair Pilot: The finance, ways and means

ommittees of both branches of the legislature should get out their pruning knives and proceed to pare down the enormous estimates made by the heads of the various state institutions. With a penitentiary in ruins, necessitating an outlay of at least \$150,000, with a legacy of deficiencies from the late fusion administration approximating more than \$100,000, with interest bearing warrants outstanding to the amount of more than \$1,500,000 and with estimated Birds of a feather are flocking to John expenses for the impending blennium ex-D. Rockefeller's country place. Forest ceeding available resources by more than Hills, near Cleveland. They are all crows \$400,000, this is no time to talk of an increase in salaries, the opening of new sources of expense or the appropriation of a single dollar not absolutely necessary. According to the report submitted by Chairman Arends of the finance, ways and means committee of the senate, the aggregate receipts from all sources for the next two years will be \$2,522,353.76. The same report sets out appropriations aggregating \$2,-938,175, or provides for expenditures exceeding the amount available by \$415,821.24. This means, if the pruning knife is not applied, that the state's interest bearing ndebtedness is to be increased through the issuance of warrants to the extent of \$415, Under such conditions there is but one thing to do and that is "cut acording to the cloth." There are many opportunities afforded for retrenchment without in the least impairing the public service. The appropriation for the state university carries with it an increase of about \$93,000 over two years ago despite the fact that the amount appropriated two years ago was so great as to invite the harge of wanton extravagance. So, too, a reduction should be made in the appropriation for the Peru normal, for it is evident that conditions neither justify an increase in current expenses nor an outlay of \$75. 000 for additional school facilities. Nebraska should manifest a liberal spirit in dealing with her public educational institutions, but fear of being prodigal should deter nobody from sounding the alarm against reckless raids on the tax payers Fusion fraud and extravagance contributed in no small degree to republican success in Nebraska last fall and this protest can only go unheeded by republicans at the cost of forfeiture of the newly inherited es-

A Profitable Investment. So far as terms go, the British could well

afford financially to rebuild every burned farmhouse and restock every devasted farm in the two Boer states, rather than continue the war another month. If they can secure a general surrender by such con- gate deposits amount to the almost cessions they will show a shrewd, if belated, eye for business.

BITS OF WASHINGTON LIFE.

National Capital. The wife of a certain senator in Washington is going about these days doing what few women would think of doing. She is telling a story on herself. Not long ago, relates the Washington Post, a woman of fashion gave a very elaborate luncheon and the senator's wife was present. As she seated herself and drew off her gloves she noticed that beside her sat a stout and elderly person, obviously wealthy, obviously dressed by a provincial modiste after a cutpaper pattern, and just as obviously unused to the ways of polite society. She seemed not to know anyone present. Indeed, she presently turned to the senator's wife and

confessed it. "I guess yours is the only face here know, except Emily's there"-indicating you the minute I set eyes on you. I says to myself, 'There's Mrs. Senator Blank,' and

"Perhaps you've seen me somewhere be fore," said the senator's wife, graciously. 'I think you are from my husband's state,

are you not? "Yes, I am," admitted the stranger, "but "My picture in the magazines, then?

"That's it," answered the other, eagerly, "That's just how I come to know you as soon as I saw you. I've been seeing you say, I want to ask you, confidential like, is that soap you advertise really as good government. Washington lived only two as it's represented to be?"

congratulated on Saturday after the final correspondent, and he has recently been ex-presidents for more than a quarter of the cause of several amusing scenes. One a century. occurred on Saturday. Senatorial etiquette prescribes that the member who introduces resolution calling for the appointment of

named and declined that Mr. Roosevelt reached him. Senator Heitfeld of Idaho telis a good story illustrating Mr. Roosevelt's trials and death in 1848, and again from Polk's death tribulations as presiding officer. On in the next year until the retirement of Fillauguration day after the vice president had more in 1853. Pierce became the fourth taken the oath of office and the senate had of the group in 1857 and Bucharan the fifth been organized, all in the chamber pro- in 1861. Then came the death of Tyler and ceeded to the stand where the president Van Buren in 1862 and of Buchanan was inducted into office and delivered his six years later. Johnson address. The inclement weather drove Mr. Pierce and Fillmore in 1869, but Pierce Heitfeld back into the capitol for shelter died the same year, and the death of Filland he almiessly wandered into the senate more in 1874 left Johnson the sole surviving chamber. There sat Mr. Roosevelt alone. He occupied the presiding officer's chair, had been only one living former occupant of and, in reply to an inquiry, stated that he the presidential chair for thirty-seven had returned upon being informed that the years senate had not adjourned, but had temporarily suspended proceedings to attend try, for the first time since the death of the inaugural exercises. "I came to his re- | Washington, was without an ex-president, lief," said Mr. Heitfeld, in relating the in- Grant retired in 1877, Hayes joined him four cident, "by formally moving that the senquestion, announced it carried and declared Arthur, who himself survived only a year,

Inauguration day for the first time in at who have held the office during the last least twenty-five years, if not in his life, forty years only one has a tained the age usually wearing an ordinary business suit; more or less a marked figure.

The second inauguration of President Mcof the state and those raised at such a penitentiary, too.

Beatrice Express: The house committee chosen to investigate the celebrated "holdup bills," which attracted some attention entirely out of the question for any member in the legislature a couple of weeks ago, has of the committee, especially on so importhanded in its report, which is not as strong ant an occasion, to transgress the rules as might be desired. The members of the laid down by custom. After pondering over committee concluded from the evidence that this important question Uncle Joe rejuct the bills introduced by Mr. Thomssen were antly arrived at the conclusion that there pure enough hold-ups, and many more of was nothing to do but look up a first-class the same character were prepared and tailor and order a conventional frock coat. kept ready for action, but it was impossible He likewise visited one of the leading hatters and purchased a silk tile of the proper

When Uncle Joe appeared at the capital victions and how the Illinoisan had brought himself up to the point where he would lay ease and grace as if he had been accus-Bets were freely offered that Mr. town and wear his more comfortable cloth-

ing. What is called the president's private fund, known in law as the emergency fund, barks. stands nominally to the credit of the secre tary of state, says the Saturday Evening Post. But Mr. McKinley is really the secretary of state and he draws on this appropriation just when and how he pleases. The manner of its expenditure is always secret and nobody knows what is done with the money. Even congress has no right to laundered. being that there are certain matters, especially such as relate to diplomatic negotiations, which may not properly be placed before the public-that is to say, without injury to the public weal. This fund varies in amount, but of late years it has been somewhere between \$60,000 and \$100,000 per annum. The memoranda relating to the expendi-

ture of the private fund are kept in a safe at the Department of State. Nobody, save a few privileged officials, has even seen them, but, if they could be published, they would throw a picturesque light upon the inside workings of the government, particularly in regard to its relations with foreign If anything turns up which make t expedient to obtain certain information abroad in a quiet way, a draft is made upon the fund by a voucher which the president himself signs and sends over to the secre tary of state, this voucher being equivalent to a check on the treasury. The negotiation of the preliminaries of a treaty, such as that for the purchase of the Danish possessions in the West Indies, may make another call upon this personal credit of the executive, which is likewise drawn upon to pay for entertainment, when a royal or official visitor from foreign parts comes to Washington.

But when it comes to an arrangement such as that contemplated for the purchase of the Danish possessions, the agreement of the administration to buy is merely tentative, the consummation of the deal depending upon the approval of congress and the ratification by the senate of a treaty confirming the bargain.

A THRIFTY WORLD.

Billions Hoarded by Depositors Savings Banks. New York World. While the governments of the world are

certainly growing more extravagant, especially in their annual outlay for war and war preparations, it seems fairly probable that for the mass of the people in all civilized countries this is the thriftiest age the world has ever seen

In the savings banks of all countries where such institutions exist the aggreceivable total of seven billions of dollars. Think of one million, mutiply that million

by one hundred, and you have one hundred millions. Now multiply that seventy times Scenes and Incidents Sketched at the and you have the unthinkable seven bit-

lions. Of this grand total in the world's "inside pocket" the savings bank depositors of the United States own over one-third. Of the remaining two-thirds the depositors, in British savings banks hold \$916,000,000, those of France \$525,000,000, those of Prussia \$1,255,000,000 and those of Austria-Hungary \$650,000,000. Relatively to their numbers, therefore, the Prussian people have the largest savings bank deposits. And while apparently the savings of the British and French are comparatively much less than those of the American depositors, some allowance must be made for the fact that savings bank books here are not, as in Europe, held exclusively by wage-earners.

AMERICAN EX-PRESIDENTS.

Responsibilities of the Chief Magistrate Tells in Shortened Life.

Kansas City Star. The death of Benjamin Harrison leaves only one ex-president living. The country was left in a similar situation in 1886 by the death of Mr. Arthur, when Hayes was the only living ex-president. On his death, in 1893, Mr. Harrison occupied that unique position until the retirement of Mr. Cleveland in 1897.

The question of some national provision for ex-presidents has been brought up from time to time, but there are usually few of them to care for. At the opening of the civil war there were five, but that is the highest number in the history of the years after retiring from the presidential office. John Adams became the only living Vice President Roosevelt was warmly ex-president in 1801. Jefferson joined him in 1809, Madison in 1817 and Monroe in adjournment of the senate, upon the 1825. There were four living ex-presidents mastering the intricate proceedings of the Adams' administration. Then John Quincy body over which he has been chosen to Adams and Jefferson died on the same day, preside. His pathway has not been strewn July 4, 1825, leaving only Madison and Monwith roses, reports the Chicago Record roe. Their deaths were the first among

John Quincy Adams made the third living ex-president from 1829 to 1831, when Monroe died. Five years later occurred the death committee by the chair shall be chosen to of Madison, and Adams was the sole surserve upon it. Mr. Hoar presented such a vivor of the office until Jackson's retireresolution Saturday, but it was not until ment in 1837. Van Buren joined them in after Mr. Allison and Mr. Aldrich had been 1841 and Tyler in 1845. The death of Jack son the same year reduced the number to three. Van Buren and Tyler remained the only two ex-presidents after Adams' ex-president. This was the first time there

On the death of Johnson in 1875 the counyears later and Arthur in 1885. Grant lived the senate adjourned. He then vacated the The responsibilities of the presidency make the strain on the chief magistrate very great. It is not surprising that of the men

POLISHED TO A POINT.

Philadelphia Record: Nell-Mrs. New wealth.

Belle-Yes, she never puts less than a a-

Detroit Journal: "Con game, ch? That is short for confidence game, I presume."
"No, con game is so-called from Connecti-cut, where it originated in Puritan times."

Chicago Tribune: "Well, madam," said the doctor, bustling in, "how is our patient this morning?"
"His mind seems to be perfectly clear this morning, doctor." replied the tired watcher."
"He refuses to touch any of the medicines."

Puck: Uncle Gechaw (from Hay Corners, at grand opera)—What's that man got over there?
City Nephew—Why, that is the score.
Uncle Geehaw (brightening up)—The score? Well, by gum! I wish you'd ask him who's ahead.

Philadelphia Press: "I wonder why they call the hotel bellboy 'Buttons,'" said the inquisitive traveler.
"Probably," replied the bachelor. "it's because he's off when you need him most."

Indianapolis Press: "Here," said the Observant Boarder, "is an article asking Observant Boarder, "is an article asking if modern warships are stable." "I should think," replied the Cross-Eyed Boarder, "that if they are not stable they are not fit to carry horse marines." Philadelphia Times: "Why are sailors from called old sea dogs"." "From their natural association with

Somerville Journal: Hicks-ls Waggles a good singer?
Wicks-Well, he started in to sing one day when I was out driving with him last summer and the horse ran away.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "I see that Emperor William has been having his features

"What do you mean by that?"
"I mean that he had his face ironed." Detroit Journal: "And you have actually bought a genealogy?" I exclaimed.

The man hung his head.
"I know it is foolish of me" he fal, tered. "But what am I to do? Were I to lease a genealogy, folks would at once say I was too poor to buy!"

No true American, of course, could endure to be thought without means.

LIFE'S SEASONS.

Marian L. Ward in Boston Transcript. Youth is the time for joy; to wake at With breast untroubled by a single care, Whence springs a lovely bird, of promise whose bright petals comes a perfume rare— s's fadeless flower, which of God's love was born.

the time of innocence and truth; blessed trust which never knows a little troubles which soon disappear, pleasures which increase with every blithesome hours are found in days Edfo's

Manhood brings zeal for work; the health which, like Midas, he turns all to By or finds in Learning's haunts a wealth Of treasures which are neither bought But which he hopes to make his own at

His task it is to hold the sturdy plow. To build the ships which cut the lowy main; To guide with steady hand the impatient furnish from his ever-active brain book the pupil scans with earnest

Age is the time for rest; the twilight hour.
Which brings with it the calm of perfect peace;
When from life's cares at length there comes release,
And tired hands have a well-earned surcease. of duties which were now beyond their

The time to dream; to watch the waning Grow faint and fainter as the eve draws night.
To see the stars born in the darkening Knowing that night will bring the home

on high-blessed home, beyond our mortal The